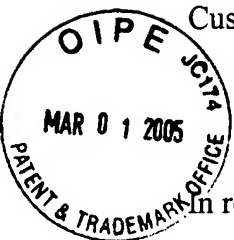


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Sir:

This is in response to the *NON*-final Office Action mailed December 21, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 21, 2005. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.